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CCC Director Gets First Look at Flood Training, Sandbagging in Stockton

California Conservation Corps Director Will Semmes, appointed to head the Corps by Gov. Schwarzenegger in September, will meet CCC staff and corpsmembers and get a first-hand look at flood training during a visit to Stockton Wednesday morning.

The training readies the CCC crews for dispatch where needed this winter.

Time/Day: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15

Location: Van Buskirk Park, Stockton

Work: About 70 Stockton and Sacramento corpsmembers from the CCC's Delta Center will be split into several stations, learning how to fill and place sandbags, place heavy plastic protective sheeting along levee banks for erosion control, construct a sandbag wall and a sack ring to protect levees against "boils," or water seepage.

Some of the corpsmembers are already experienced in sandbag use, having been dispatched to help out at the Jones Tract levee break last June. During its 28-year history, CCC crews have filled more than three million sandbags.

In case of rain, the training will continue as planned.

The CCC, a state department under the Resources Agency, hires young men and women for a year of service through natural resource work and emergency response. The Delta Center in Stockton works throughout San Joaquin, Sacramento and eight other counties.

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